

# CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

7:00 PM in the Public Works Building

Present: Bob Baldino (Co-Chair), Carol Adams, Nancy Dyer, Gretchen Franck, Sue Jessee, Jan Prettyman, Debbie Schmidt, Drew Simon (City of Centerville Community Resources Coordinator), Austin Steinke, James Freeman (Public Works), JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison)

**Absent:** Mary Ann Kabel

### Call to Order and Welcome

- Meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM
- Carol Adams motioned to accept May 2, 2023 meeting minutes, Debbie Schmidt seconded. Minutes approved.

### Staff Report – Drew Simon

- Four Corners irrigation is not functioning due to broken pump, which should arrive in approximately 2 weeks. Therefore, watering at Four Corners is a high priority for Public Works and until the pump is replaced, they are watering Four Corners' beds daily.
- June 9 Party in the Park at Stubbs Park has contracted with 30 vendors.
- June 4 concert at Stubbs Park had 4,400 attendees. Next concert is Sunday, June 11 at Stubbs Park.
- May 21 Merchant Market had 11,000 attendees. CBC may want to consider being present there next year.
- May 13 Farmer's Market had 100 attendees. Next Farmer's Market is June 10 at the Activity Center.
- Gretchen complimented the City's Face Book page for including parking information for Stubbs Park activities.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### Four Corners

- The beds are very dry and the plantings are wilting or dying and may need to be replaced. There are a lot of weeds in the beds. Drew will check Grunder's contract for the weeding schedule and if they will be clearing trash from the beds. Drew will inquire about availability of an additional trash can either by Graeter's or the city.
- The engraved rock currently at Four Corners will remain there at this time.

#### Farmer's Market

- Gretchen will use some of Pam Corle-Bennett's Spring Seminar presentation as handouts for the CBC's booth at the June 10 Farmer's Market. Pam's presentation is public knowledge which allows use by anyone. Gretchen and Sue will be at the CBC booth on June 10.
- Gretchen shared that <https://ohioline.osu.edu> is a good resource for gardening information.

#### Summer Landscaping Awards

- Zone folders, yard signs, and award rocks were distributed.
- Contact Drew to use a city vehicle for judging. City vehicles are available from 8 am – 4:30 pm.
- Drew and Kate are reworking the CBC business cards and Drew will bring either the new cards or Drew's business card to the July CBC meeting. It was recommended the new card's material be something that can be written on with a ballpoint pen. These are used for the monthly landscaping award winners.

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- In the email to Drew about landscaping nominees or winners, include in the subject line: Zone #, Month, Nominee/Award Winner. Include with the email Nominees for approval, winner permission form and 4—5 photos. A photo of the overall property and photos of property highlights. Copy Bob and Mary Ann on this email.
- Drew will submit award nominees to zoning for approval on a weekly basis.
- Community Pride nominations – take pictures and email to Bob, Mary Ann, and Drew. Properties that are approved by zoning will be emailed to CBC members for review. Voting on the properties will be done at the CBC meeting.
- The public can nominate a property for a landscaping award by using the link on the city’s website at [www.centervilleohio.gov/citybeautiful](http://www.centervilleohio.gov/citybeautiful).

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### Recruiting

- Welcome Freda Black as a new CBC member. She will be confirmed June 26. She will be judging Zone 4 with Nancy.

#### **Urban Forestry Update: James Freeman**

- Update on Four Corners was provided earlier in the meeting.

#### **Council Liaison Remarks: Joanne Rau**

- Parking lot construction will begin at the Northeast corner in uptown (behind the church next to Graeter’s).
- Cornerstone Park was dedicated.
- Plans for the property on the corner of South Suburban Drive and Franklin have been submitted to council.
- The city is working with the property on the corner of Compark and Franklin.
- January 2024 the City will be soliciting community involvement in the Vision of the Future of Centerville.

**Good of the Order** – No additional items to report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm. Minutes submitted by Debbie Schmidt.

#### **Next Commission Meeting**

Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 7:00 PM

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